

# TempePRE

## BLOG

### Partners

#### Preschool in the Tempe Elementary School District

Children are our future and watching them learn and grow during their preschool years has been such an inspiration for me!

My name is Jennifer Whittington and I am the Assistant Director of Early Childhood in the Tempe Elementary School District. It is with great pleasure that I am part of such an amazing program and team. I have been a part of the Tempe Elementary School District family for 23 years. Throughout my 23 years, I have had the opportunity to help grow and develop our early childhood programs. I started my career as a kindergarten teacher, spent time in administration as an assistant principal and principal and had the opportunity to work with pre-service teachers at ASU. Now my journey has led me to share all my expertise and passion with our early childhood teachers to help continue to grow and maintain our quality preschool programs.

Our early learners truly inspire me. They are busy socializing, manipulating and exploring the world around them. They are so curious and genuine in their interactions with each other and within the environment. The preschools in the Tempe Elementary School District offer quality programs led by certified early childhood teachers. Our preschool children learn independence, problem solving skills and social skills.

Our preschool programs have set children and families up for academic success. Children enter kindergarten ready to learn and socially mature to have positive interactions with their peers. All of the early learning skills that they learn in preschool have set a solid foundation for success in later years.

Parent involvement is critical and necessary for preschool success. There are many ways to support your preschooler and get involved in their early learning experience. All of our schools have opportunities to get involved and stay informed. Reach out to your child's school and ask about family involvement opportunities, attend parent/child classes through Thrive to Five, schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher, and be on the lookout for community events and opportunities for our children.

**Respectfully,  
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**We are here to help you navigate the Tempe PRE program.**

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